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SUBJECT: W/W BRITISH NATIONALS IN SHABA PROVINCE

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1. CONSULATE HAS CONTACTED SMTF/LUBUMBSHI REP MAKOMBO
RE SEVEN UK CITIZENS AT FUNGURUME. SITUATION DERIVES FROM
PRESIDENTS MOBUTU'S STANDING ORDER THAT EXPATRIATES ARE
TO REMAIN IN PLACE TO AVOID PANIC PSYCHOLOGY.

2. ACCORDING TO MAKOMBO, SITUATION IS CALM IN FUMGURUME
AND HARASSMENT BY FAZ SOLDIERS IS NO MORE THAN NORMAL
MAKOMBO ESTIMATES THERE ARE ABOUT 100 ZAIRIAN TROOPS IN
FUNGURUME AND NONE ARE BILLETED IN SMTF COMPOUND. MAKOMBO
IS IN CONSTANT RADIO CONTACT WITH FUNGURUME AND WOULD
BE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE IN THE SITUATION.

3. SMTF'S INQUIRIES HERE LEAD THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT
ONLY AUTHORIZATION FROM GOZ IN KINSHASA WILL ALLOW
DEPARTURE OF FOUR UK CITIZENS WHO WISH TO LEAVE.
SMTF MANAGING DIRECTOR PLOESSER, WHO WAS HERE AT
THE END OF LAST WEEK LEFT FOR KINSHASA ON SUNDAY TO
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SEEK SUCH AUTHORIZATION.
C4. BRITISH NATIONALS AT FUNGARUME ARE NOT THE ONLY
PEOPLE WHO FEEL THEY ARE BEING "HELD HOSTAGE" LOCAL
AUTHORITIES HAVE IMPOSED BAN ON ROAD MOVEMENTS,
COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE, BETWEEN SHABAN TOWNS. CITIZENS
OF NEARBY TOWNS OF KAMBOVE AND LIKASI HAVE ALSO
DEMANDED RESTRICTION BE LIFTED. CONSULAR CORPS

IN LUBUMBASHI HAS PREPARED JOINT DEMARCHE TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ASKING THAT FREE TRAVEL BE PERMITTED AMONG
TOWNS OF SHABA. MILITARY GOVERNOR SINGA IS AWARE OF
DEMARCHE AND TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SEE CONSULAR
CORPS ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 26.

5.THERE ARE NO LOCAL REPORTS OF ANY REBEL ACTIVITY
NEAR LIKASI.

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